

**ABSTRACT**

A thread section of a weft thread is held precisely ready for a receiving rapier in a feed rapier on a rapier loom despite the effects of retarding forces. Deflections of the thread section by the head of a receiving gripper are compensated for, whereby the feed rapier is provided with a thread clamp on the side facing the feed device for the weft thread, which releases on tension forces occurring in the thread section and permits a deflection of the thread section.